

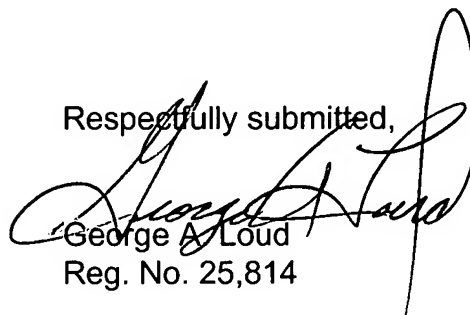
## REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct an error at page 14. See, for example, Fig. 4 of the drawings.

Responsive to the restriction requirement applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 4-6 and 8-23). However, the restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the reason that at least one special technical feature is common to the claims of all three groups. Specifically, each kit of Group I, II and III of the present invention comprises a receptor I capable of binding to an analyte; a receptor II having a bond element B3 capable of binding to an anti-bond element R3 and capable of binding to an analyte; and the anti-bond element R3 bound to a solid phase. The foregoing structure and features are common to the claims of Group I, II and III.

The examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement in view of the foregoing special technical features shared in common with the claims of all three groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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